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#### **President Kun receives Ambassador Riise of Norway**

His Excellency President Russ Kun accepted the letter of credence for the Ambassador-designate of the Kingdom of Norway to Nauru at a ceremony in the Office of the President, 18 May.

Ms Anne Grete Riise is only the second Norwegian ambassador to Nauru succeeding Ambassador Paul Gulleik Larsen. She was appointed on 12 April, 2023.

Ambassador Riise highlighted the launch of the 24 fully funded PhD scholarships under the Norway-Pacific Ocean-Climate Scholarship Program (N-POC) - a partnership between the University of Bergen in Norway and the University of the South Pacific (USP) in the areas of ocean and climate research.

President Kun conveyed his sincere and best wishes to King Harald V and congratulates Norway on their Constitution Day which falls on the same date as Nauru's Constitution Day, 17 May.

"I am fortunate to hear of your country's keen interest in further strengthening and deepening our good relations through our shared interest as ocean states, and although we are geographically far apart we continue to be firm to seek possible ways to broaden cooperation between our two countries," President Kun said.

Ambassador Riise then paid courtesy calls on Cabinet Ministers and heads of departments and visited key infrastructure and sites around the island.

Ambassador Riise first joined the foreign service in 1992 and was posted in Kyiv, Berlin and the OSCE in Vienna.

Her last posting abroad was as Minister for Counsellor in Warsaw, Poland, and currently holds the position of Norway's Ambassador to Australia, New Zealand and 10 Pacific States.

Nauru and Norway have enjoyed close and friendly relations based on mutual interests such as climate change, ocean management and sustainable development.

Nauru and Norway established diplomatic relations on 9 August 2000.

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